



The Hammond Streeter

Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, Bangor, ME

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

SCRIPTURE

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends."

— John 15:15

WORDS OF HOPE

Having friends is a great blessing. Friends multiply our joys and divide our sorrows. Friends walk in when the rest of the world walks out. Friends know all about us, and they still love us anyway. Proverbs 18:24 notes that "a friend . . . sticks closer than a brother." In other words, a true friend can be relied upon and is always there for us.

The amazing thing is that Jesus calls believers his friends. As believers in Christ, we are not just subjects or servants of God; we are God's friends. And God is loyal and true, sticking closer than a blood brother. In John 15, Jesus explains that, like a true friend, he is transparent and open with us: "Everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." No secrets, no deception, no masks, just an open heart entrusted to his friends.

The truest sign of friendship is sacrificial love. Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus demonstrated this when he went to the cross to pay the price for all our sin. He considered friendship with us so important that he surrendered his very life in order to secure ours.

PRAYER

Holy One, it's overwhelming to know that we have a friend in you. Grant us strength in knowing that you want to walk with us through life as our constant, faithful friend. Amen

See you Sunday, *Pastor Gary*



ALL CHURCH CLEANUP DAY

Join us for a morning of fun, fellowship and work on **Saturday, May 31st from 8 AM to noon.** Some of the fun events we have planned are the carpet cleaning contest, the window washing competition and the always popular raking, sweeping and trash picking up party.



SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer will soon be upon us and so will summer worship. Our summer worship is more relaxed and laid-back. During July and August, we will enjoy our time together with a more relaxed liturgy and our favorite songs. To do this, you are invited to select your favorite hymns from either the New Century or Pilgrim hymnals.

All you need to do is pick up a hymn list on the usher's table and take it home and fill in your favorite hymns and bring it to church and put it in the basket on the usher's table or you can email them to Pastor Gary at: pastor@hammondstreetchurch.net during the month of June. We look forward to hearing from you and singing the hymns that you love and enjoy.



CHARLIE HOWARD CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Bangor Pride is holding a Candlelight Vigil for Charlie Howard on June 8th at 6 PM. at his memorial site at the State Street bridge to pay tribute to Charlie's life by celebrating pride and acceptance in a way Charlie unfortunately did not get to experience in Bangor. We will have speakers from NH and ME, as Charlie was a Portsmouth, NH native. If you have any questions please contact Emma E. W., Bangor Pride at: hello@bangorpride.com



There is Humming Happening at Hammond Street!

2025 Hammond Street Concert Series!

****Friday June 20th, 7pm****

A coffee house setting with local folk singers Larry and Leslie Latour.

Saturday September 6th, 7pm

Duets and Desserts HSCC Choir presents homegrown talent and homemade desserts

Friday October 3rd, 7pm

An evening of Gospel and more with New York Artist Roosevelt Credit

All funds raised go to the maintenance of our beautiful pipe organ and pianos. Please plan on joining us and bringing friends!

MONTHLY FREE BEAN LUNCHES

On the first Saturday of every month HSCC's Free Bean Lunch provides a free meal and a bag lunch to all who attend. Over the past few months we have been averaging around 65 guests at each meal. We have an email list of those who wish to help by providing needed supplies, casseroles, salads, and help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. If you are interested in being added to that email list please contact me. The sign-up sheet is emailed the weekend before the FB Lunch. My email address is: ryehle2@gmail.com and my phone number is: 207-478-9122. Ruey

CONCERT PARKING --CAN YOU HELP?

Our first date this summer for assisting with concert parking at Shaw's is Wednesday, June 4, for the Halsey Concert. This is a great FUNdraising opportunity for HSCC. We need eight volunteers for each of two shifts. We have almost a full crew, but need one or two more for each shift. The shifts are noon to 4:30 and 4:30 to 8:30 or 9. The job entails a lot of standing, outdoors, as we direct cars to the appropriate parking spaces. Dress for the weather; bring a chair if you like; bring water and snacks. Have fun with HSCC friends. If you can help, or would like more info, contract Tracy Bigney at 207-356-7223 (text or phone) or email to tbig@gwi.net.

TREK ACROSS MAINE-AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

Spring greetings! I wanted to let my church family know that I'll be participating in the Trek Across Maine this year, the first time since 2015. The Trek is a 3-day bicycle ride (not race, thankfully) that serves as the American Lung Association's major fundraiser. I'll be joining hundreds of other folks pedaling from New Gloucester to Lewiston to Standish and back to New Gloucester over Father's Day weekend. Having lost my father to lung cancer at the young age of 66 back in 1993 when I was pregnant with my first child (Will), the important work done by the Lung Association is near and dear to my heart. If you are interested in supporting me in this endeavor, you could write a check to the ALA and send it to me at 34 13th St. in Bangor. You can also donate online via my personal fundraising webpage: <https://trekacrossmaine.donordrive.com/participant/Heather>. I have set a healthy fundraising goal and I will appreciate any and all help toward meeting it! Of course, your prayers are always welcome, especially over Father's Day weekend. Thank you. Yours in Christ, Heather M. Houston



ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Baked Beans, Soup, and Mac n Cheese. Thank you very much

PILLOWS & THROWS IN THE SANCTUARY

They are there for anyone to use and to create a welcoming atmosphere. Please feel free to take one and put it behind your back or sit on it during the service or wrap yourself in a comfy throw to keep warm.

COVID GUIDELINES

Covid levels have decreased. We can help reduce the risk of getting or spreading Covid by wearing a mask. Getting the latest Covid vaccination will also reduce the risk of serious illness. **HSCC has free N-95 masks at the greeter's table in the narthex.**

*****HSCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2025*****

Diaconate Mtg. on 6/3 at 6:30 PM—Parlor

*****PLEASE REMEMBER*****

Hammond Streeters at Home

Eda & Hugh Morrison, Glen & Ann Rea, Sandy Farver

Sylvia Ross Home

758 Broadway, Apt. 37, Bangor, ME 04401
Ronnie Kittredge

Brewer Rehab

74 Parkway S.—Room 109, Brewer, ME 04412
Ansley Throckmorton

Westgate Manor

750 Union St.—Room 111, Bangor, ME 04401
Susan Davies

****DEADLINES FOR PUBLICATIONS****

HAMMOND STR. *TUESDAYS* at 11 AM

SUNDAY BULLETIN *THURSDAYS* at 9 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9 to 3. Please knock or call the office at 207-942-4381 for assistance.

EMAIL ADDRESS

admin@hammondstreetchurch.net

Please sign up to read scripture and dedicate flowers in the notebooks on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

PRAYER CIRCLE

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Willing to lend your prayer power for others? If so, join the HSCC Circle. The only requirements are that you have an email address and will maintain confidentiality when requested. Interested? Have a prayer request? Contact Fran at frandg31@gmail.com

*****SECURITY REMINDER*****

Please make sure the backdoor is locked when you leave. Lock it and give it a tug to make sure it is secure and always make sure your vehicle is locked.

SERVICE STREAMING LIVE OR RECORDED

You can find our services live or at your convenience on our YouTube channel.

[AVTECHHammondStreetChurch@Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvTECHHammondStreetChurch)
or use this QR Code:



OUTREACH COMMITTEE'S SOCKS AND TOILETRIES COLLECTION 2025

During the month of June, Outreach is collecting socks and toiletries for the homeless. Donations can be put into the basket in the Narthex or if you can not shop, money donations can be put in the brown crock on the table next to the basket and we will shop for you. Thank you, Outreach Committee



LOVERN'S KICKOFF ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COLLECTION OF ITEMS NEEDED



BANGOR PRIDE



God loves me
just as I am.

Bangor Pride will be on June 28th, 2025, with a parade and festival taking place in West Market Square and Norumbega Park. The parade will take place from 11am - 12pm, and the festival portion of the day will take place from 12pm - 4pm.

Hammond Street Church will be represented once again in the Pride Parade and Festival. We need you to join us in celebrating Pride and representing Hammond Street Church in the Parade and Festival.

We will be marching in the Parade and have a booth at the festival. We need volunteers to sign up for this exciting event. Sign up sheet will be on the back table in the Sanctuary starting on Sunday, June 1st. We need persons in the Parade and to help man the booth. Join us and let Bangor experience our extravagant welcome for all people.



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In Person Sunday Service

Pastor Gary Bagley

June 1, 2025 at 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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